are being adversely affected by the implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission particularly in the pay scales and transport allowance, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any remedial measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to protect the interest of the aforesaid categories;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) The Upper Division Clerks and Lower Division Clerks in the Central Secretariat Clerical Service have not been adversely affected by the implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission on pay scales and transport allowance.

(b) to (f) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Increase in Malaria in certain States

*33. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Plasimodium Falciparum Malaria is increasing in certain States this year;

(b) if so, the names of the States where this disease is on the increase;

(c) whether any special steps have been taken by Government to eradicate it;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government have approached the World Bank for a loan of Rs. 891 crores for this purpose; and

(f) the State-wise allocation of the loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The States of Goa, Karnataka, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli have reported increase in P. Falciparum Malaria Cases during the current year as compared to the P. Falciparum cases reported during the corresponding period of the last year. However, there has been an over all decline in P. Falciparum cases in the country during the current year.

(c) and (d) Malaria Control activities have been intensified throughout the country with focus on High Risk Areas which are predominatly reporting P. falciparum Malaria with deaths through an Integrated malaria Control strategy as under:—

1. Early case detection and prompt treatment (EDPT)
2. Selective Vector Control.
3. Promotion of personal protection methods.
4. Early detection and containment of epidemics.
5. Information, Education and Communication towards Community participation.
6. Institutional Management and capacity building, Trained manpower development and efficient Management Information System (M.I.S.)

Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) 100% Central Assistance is being provided to the 7 North Eastern States since December, 1994 as a special case.

Synthetic Pyrethroids have been introduced under the programme for being used selectively in the areas showing resistance to other conventional insecticides. A Pilot Project to consider introduction of Biolarvicides under the Programme has been initiated during 1996-97 in certain parts of Delhi, Maharashtra and West Bengal. Further, Medicated Mosquito Nets as a personal protection method have also been supplied to the North Eastern States during 1995-96 and 1996-97 on a pilot basis.

(e) and (f) An enhanced malaria Control Project with World bank support at a cost of Rs. 891.04 crores over a period of 5 years is being

implemented w.e.f. 30th September, 1997. The International Development Association (IDA) is providing a credit to cover around 85% cost of the project. The State-wise allocation will be made annually based on technical assessments and other parameters.

Primarily, 100 districts (1045 PHCs) spread in the seven peninsular States included in the Project (Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Rajasthan) and 19 Towns/Cities in these States and in the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and West Bengal will be provided assistance both in kind and cash depending on the serverity of the problem. Besides, the entire country will be covered for items like Management Information system (MIS), Human Resource Development and IEC activities.

Central Assistance for Health programmes

*34. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Government had demanded adequate Central assistance to implement various programmes to provide "Health for All" by 2000 AD;

(b) whether the Government of Orissa have urged the Centre to provided additional Central assitance and also for posing the State for World Bank assistance; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE: (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) 'Health for All' is a universal goal and the State governments are primarlily responsible for meeting the preventive, promotive and curative health needs of the people from their own resoruces. However, Central assistance is given to the States for National disease control and Family Welfare programmes including immunisation, keeping in view the funding norms and targets to be achieved in respect of each programme.

(b) and (c) A revised project proposal estimated to cost about Rs. 400.00 crores received from the State Government of Orissa in Februrary, 1997 was posed to the World Bank for assistance under the State Health System Development Project. A Preparation Mission from the World Bank visited Orissa from November 9-14, 1997 and has interacted with the State Health Department of various aspects including preparation of the Project Implementation Plan (PIP), on the basis of which the project will be appraised.

Apart from this, following projects/schemes are at various stages of development/ implementation:—

(i) Schemes for providing equipment for Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Shishu Bhawan, Cuttack and for upgradation of medical equipment for District Headquarters Hospitals in Orissa have been posed for seeking Japanese assistance.

(ii) Stage-I of Phase-III Health and Family Welfare project in Keonjhar and Bhadrak districts of Orissa with assistance from Department of International Development (DFID), U.K. has been approved.

(iii) A District Sub-Project, under the World Bank assisted Reproductive and Child Health Project, for Kalahandi district of Orissa has been approved.

Pending passport applications in Andhra Pradesh

*35. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending Passport applications in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) the number of Passports which were issued during 1996-97;

(c) the steps proposed to clear the backlog;

(d) whether the Regional Passport Officer has been directed to entertain suggestions to assist the public; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) to (e) The